

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A culture medium for filamentary fungi comprising at least one carbon source chosen from the group consisting of molasses, malt extract and sucrose and at least one organic nitrogen source chosen from yeast extract and corn steep liquor, the culture medium further comprising a mineral nitrogen source.

2. (Original) A culture medium according to claim 1, wherein said at least one carbon source constitutes 70 to 85% by weight of the dry weight of the culture medium and said at least one organic nitrogen source constitutes 15 to 30% by weight of the dry weight of the culture medium.

3. (Currently amended) A culture medium according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said mineral nitrogen source is contained in an amount no greater than 10% by weight of the dry weight of the culture medium and preferably between 5 and 8% by weight.

4. (Currently amended) A culture medium according to claim 3, wherein said mineral nitrogen source consists of ammonium nitrates or salts.

5. (Original) A culture medium for filamentary fungi, consisting of 75-85% malt extract and 15-25% yeast extract, wherein said percentages are by weight of the dry weight of said culture medium.

6. (Original) A culture medium for filamentary fungi comprising 60-65% molasses, 10-15% sucrose, 10-15% corn steep liquor and 10-15% yeast extract.

7. (Original) A culture medium according to claim 6, further comprising 5 to 8% of a mineral nitrogen source.

8. (Original) A culture medium according to claim 7, wherein said mineral nitrogen source consists of diainmonium hydrogen phosphate.

9. (Original) A culture medium for filamentary fungi containing, in percentage by weight of the dry weight of said medium, 25-20% malt extract, 40-45% molasses and 25-30% corn steep liquor.

10. (Currently amended) A method for producing filamentary fungi, in particular nematophagus fungi, on an industrial scale, comprising the step of seeding conidia of said fungi in a culture medium according to ~~any one of claim[s] 1 and 2~~ and keeping said culture medium at a temperature of 23-30°C for 15 a time of 5-10 days to determine the reproduction and growth of the fungi, wherein the mineral nitrogen source of said culture medium is gradually added in small amounts, preferably from the fourth day after the seeding of said conidia.

11. (Currently amended) A method according to claim ~~4~~10, wherein said mineral nitrogen source consists of ainmonium nitrates and salts and it is added in a total amount of no more than 10% of the dry weight of said culture medium and preferably in an mount between 5 and 8% of the dry weight of said culture medium.

12. (Currently amended) A method for producing filamentary fungi, in particular nematophagus fungi, on an industrial scale, comprising the step of seeding conidia of said fungi in a culture medium according to ~~any one of claim[s] 5, 6 and 9~~ and keeping said culture medium at a temperature of 23-30°C for a time of 5-10 days to determine the reproduction and growth of the fungi.

13. (New) A method for producing filamentary fungi, in particular nematophagus fungi, on an industrial scale, comprising the step of seeding conidia of said fungi in a culture medium according to claim 6 and keeping said culture medium at a temperature of 23-30°C for a time of 5-10 days to determine the reproduction and growth of the fungi.

14. (New) A method for producing filamentary fungi, in particular nematophagus fungi, on an industrial scale, comprising the step of seeding conidia of said fungi in a culture medium according to claim 9 and keeping said culture medium at a temperature of 23-30°C for a time of 5-10 days to determine the reproduction and growth of the fungi.